The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte YU WANG, EVANGELOS TRIFON LASKARIS and RICHARD ANDREW RANZE

Application No. 09/682,519

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed December 4, 2003
(Paper No. 18) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent
Appeals and Interferences. The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner
with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A
written communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is
required. In addition a Reply Brief (Paper No. 16) and a request for oral hearing
(Paper No. 17) were filed on December 4, 2003. The Reply Brief needs to be
considered with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 1.193(b)
and the request for oral hearing needs to be entered.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Reply Brief, to enter the request for oral hearing and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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